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TO AMEMBASSY CARACAS IMMEDIATE

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EYES ONLY FOR AMBASSADOR VAKY

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CO

SUBJECT: CABRANES NOMINATION

REFERENCE: BOGOTA 4734

1. I WAS AT A LUNCHEON TODAY ATTENDED BY PROMINENT  
COLOMBIAN POLITICAL FIGURES INCLUDING ANTONIO PUERTO, WHO  
IS A FRIEND OF MAYOR FERRE OF MIAMI. DURING A LULL IN THE  
GENERAL CONVERSATION, PUERTO INFORMED US THAT AMBASSADOR  
VIRGIL P. VAKY WOULD SHORTLY BE MAKING A "SECRET" TRIP TO  
BOGOTA TO CONFER WITH PRESIDENT LOPEZ AND TRY TO PERSUADE  
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HIM TO ACCEPT CABRANES AS AMBASSADOR. A STUNNED SILENCE  
ENSUED AND ALL EYES TURNED ON ME. I TOLD THE GROUP THAT  
I HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF THIS AND THAT WHILE THERE HAD BEEN PRESS  
RUMORS ABOUT A CABRANES APPOINTMENT THERE WAS REALLY NOTHING  
DEFINITE YET. FOLLOWING THE LUNCHEON, PUERTO, WHO PRIDES HIM-  
SELF ON BEING WELL-INFORMED, APOLOGIZED FOR HAVING CAUSED ME  
ANY EMBARRASSMENT. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT HIS INFORMATION WAS

RELIABLE. HE ADDED THAT VAKY WOULD BE BEARING A LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER URGING THAT GOC CHANGE ITS MIND ABOUT CABRANES. PUERTO INDICATED THAT FERRE HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH HIM RECENTLY OVER THE CABRANES APPOINTMENT. KNOWING PUERTO, I AM CERTAIN THAT THE STORY HE TOLD THE LUNCHEON GROUP HAS ALSO BEEN PASSED ON TO OTHERS HERE.

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